In the Specification:

Please **SUBSTITUTE** the following amended paragraph/section for the pending paragraph (a marked up copy of the prior pending paragraph with all changes shown is supplied in the appendix):

On page 28, fourth paragraph, please amend the following:

Returning to the determination of whether the client is in solo mode in step 1304, when it is determined that the client is in solo mode, then process flow moves from step 1304 to step **1306** where a determination is made regarding whether a persistent data file is in existence. Specifically, in the described embodiment, it is determined if a persistent data file which is in communication with the client exists. The persistent data file is generally arranged to store object information which may be used to reconstruct object states, if necessary.

On page 40, first full paragraph, please amend the following:

CPU 2332 is also coupled to one or more input/output devices **2340** that may include, but are not limited to, video monitors, track balls, mice, keyboards, microphones, touch-sensitive displays, transducer card readers, magnetic or paper tape readers, tablets, styluses, voice or handwriting recognizers, as well as other well-known input devices, such as other computers. Such devices may be used, for example, to allow a user to interface with a client. Finally, CPU 2332 may be coupled to a computer or a telecommunications network, *e.g.*, an internet network or an intranet network, using a network connection as shown generally at 2312. With such a network connection 2312, it is contemplated that the CPU 2332 may receive information from a network. CPU 2332 may also output information to the network. Such information, which is often represented as a sequence of instructions to be executed using CPU 2332, may be received from and outputted to the network, for example, in the form of a computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave. The above-described devices and materials will be familiar to those of skill in the computer hardware and software arts.

On page 50, first full paragraph, please amend the following:

At time t5, queue 2602' further includes an object "obj 3" **2611** that was modified at time t4. Also at time t5, object "obj 6" 2606 is being modified such that its corresponding timestamp is updated accordingly. Hence, object "obj 6" 2606 which was modified at time t2 is effectively superceded by a version of object "obj 6" that is updated at time t5. That is, the timestamp associated with object "obj 6" effectively changes. At time t6, queue 2602" no longer includes object "obj 6" 2606 and, instead, includes object "obj 6" **2611** that was modified at time t5. Within queue 2602", object "obj 6" **2611** does not take the priority of object "obj6" 2606 which has been removed. Instead, object "obj 6" **2611** takes a "chronological" position within queue 2602". In other words, object "obj 6" **2611** is located in queue after object "obj 3" **2610** and before an object "obj 4" 2612 which was modified at time t6, after the modification at time t5 of object "obj 6" **2611**.

On page 51, lines 9-14, please change all occurrences of "2630" to --2632--.

At time t5, object "obj 6" 2626 is modified such that its corresponding timestamp is updated accordingly. As shown, at time t6, object "obj 6" 2626 which was modified at time t2 is effectively superceded by a version of object "obj 6" that is updated at time t5. Specifically, at time t6, queue 2622" no longer includes object "obj 6" 2626 and, instead, includes object "obj 6" **2632** that was modified at time t5. Within queue 2622", object "obj 6" **2632** takes the position in queue 2622 that was previously occupied by object "obj 6" 2626. In the described embodiment, since object "obj 1" 2624 is considered as having a higher importance than object "obj 6" **2632**, object "obj 1" 2624 remains in queue 2622" ahead of object "obj 6" **2632**, and will typically be removed from queue 2622" prior to object "obj 6" **2632**. Similarly, object "obj 6" **2632**, though modified after object "obj 9" 2628, is considered to be of more importance than object "obj 9" 2628, and is therefore located in queue 2622" ahead of object "obj 9" 2628.

In the Drawings:

Proposed drawings of Figs. 25 and 26a are hereby submitted herein for Examiner's approval.

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